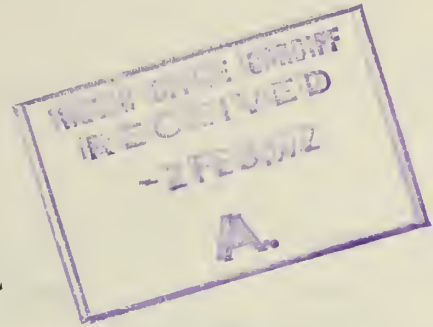


BRECONNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



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and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the YEAR 1970

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the

BRECKNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Madam Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Brecknock Rural District during the year 1970

In this Report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/71 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters pertaining to the duties of the Public Health Department.

I am,

Madam Chairman and Members,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.K.JONES,

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Clerk : Mrs L.Hicks.

Student Public Health Inspector - E.Gunn.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District	...	...	189,532 acres
Population(estimated) Mid 1970	...	...	,6860
Population per acre	...	...	27.6
Rateable Value as at 1st April 1970	...	...	£207,376
Number of Live Births	...	...	85
Birth Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	12.4
Number of Stillbirths	...	...	0
Stillbirth rate per 1000 births	...	...	0
Number of Deaths	...	...	95
Death Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	13.8
Number of Infant Deaths(under 1 year)	...	...	0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	...	...	0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	0
Number of Infectious Diseases notified	...	...	32
Infectious Diseases - Attack rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	4.6
Tuberculosis : -	...	...	
Cases notified	...	...	3
Attack rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	0.44
Deaths	...	...	1
Death rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	0.14

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population:

Census 1931	...	8302
1951	...	7430
1961	...	8696
Mid year Estimate 1970		6860

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated population for each of the last ten years are shown below : -

<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
7920	6960	6950	6970	7010	6980	6930	6950	6930	6860

Acreage	...	...	...	189,532 acres
Rateable value as at 1st April 1970				£207,376

Product of a Penny Rate:	Actual	1969/70	£809 .5 .5d
		1970/71	£18 .0 .0

Rate in the Pound :	1969/70	14/3d
	1970/71	14/3d

Water Rate. 2/- in the pound with a minimum of £1.10.0 p.a.

Total number of Domestic Dwellings	...	2,270
Number of Council houses in the Domestic Dwelling figures ..		393

BIRTHS

BIRTHS	Brecknock RDC			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Live Births : Legitimate	42	37	79	717	
: Illegitimate	3	3	6	39	
Total Live Births	45	40	85	756	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births			7.0	5.0	8.0
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			1.25	1.11	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(crude)			12.4	13.8	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(corr)			15.5	15.3	16.0
Stillbirths - Legitimate	0	0	0	5	
Stillbirths - Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	
Total : Stillbirths	0	0	0	6	
Stillbirth rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			0	8.0	13.0
Total Live and Stillbirths			85	762	

The corrected Live Birth rate of 15.5 was just below the National average of 16.0 per 1000 population but well above the Local Death Rate of 11.5 per 1000 population

There were no Stillbirths. The National rate was 13.0 per 1000 Total Births.

Corrected Live Birth rates for the past five years are shown below:

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Brecknock R.D.C.	20.3	20.6	14.2	15.8	15.5
National Average	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0

DEATHS

DEATHS	Brecknock RDC			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Total Deaths (all causes)	61	34	95	803	
Death rate per 1000 Pop(crude)			13.8	14.7	
Registrar Comparability Factor			0.83	0.89	
Death Rate per 1000 Pop(corrected)			<u>11.5</u>	<u>13.1</u>	<u>11.7</u>
<u>Cancer Deaths</u>					
Cancer Deaths (all forms)	11	6	17	122	
Cancer Deaths Rate per 1000 Pop.			<u>2.48</u>	<u>2.23</u>	
<u>Maternal Mortality</u>					
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)			Nil	Nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			NIL	NIL	

The corrected Local Death rate of 11.5 was just below the National Average of 11.7 per 1000 population and well below the Local Birth rate of 15.5 per 1000 population.

The corrected Death rates for the past five years are shown below :

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Brecknock RDC	10.0	9.4	9.8	10.8	11.5
National Average	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.7

DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

There were 17 Cancer Deaths giving a rate per 100,000 of 248 as compared with the County Rate of 223. The rates by specific site are as under:

Site	Rate per 100,000 Population	National Average 1966
Lungs, Bronchus	30	39
Stomach	30	27
Intestine	44	19
Oesophagus	15	6
Breast	0	40
Uterus	0	16
Prostate	0	17
Leukemia	0	6
All Others	130	-

Deaths from Cancer of Stomach, Intestine and Oesophagus were all above the National average for 1966.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from Maternal causes including abortions.

INFANT MORTALITY

DEATHS	Brecknock RDC B.C.C.			National Average
	Male	Female	Total	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :				
Legitimate	0	0	0	17
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	19
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (total)				<u>25.0</u>
Legitimate			0	24.0
Illegitimate			0	1.0
<u>Neonatal Mortality</u>				
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age :				
Legitimate	0	0	0	7
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2
Total :	0	0	0	9
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births :			<u>0</u>	<u>12.0</u>
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality</u>				
Deaths of infants under 1 week of age :				
Legitimate	0	0	0	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	7
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			<u>0</u>	<u>9.0</u>
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Stillbirths, Rate per 1000 Total Live and Stillbirths :			<u>0</u>	<u>17.0</u>
				<u>23.0</u>

There were no Infant Deaths during 1970, and no Stillbirths.

The Infant Mortality Rates and Perinatal Mortality Rates for the past five years are shown below, and compared with the National Average : -

Infant Mortality :

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Brecknock RDC	8.5	18.0	0	0	0
National Average	19.0	18.3	18.0	18.0	13.0

Perinatal Mortality

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Brecknock RDC	33.9	25.0	24.7	22.0	0
	26.3	25.4	25.0	23.0	21.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	0	0
Other Tuberculosis	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1	1
" " Stomach	2	0	2
" " Intestine	1	1	3
" " Lung, Bronchus	2	0	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	4	9
Diabetes Mellitus	0	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	0	1
Hypertensive Disease	0	3	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	6	27
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	1	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	12	18
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	0	2
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	2	0	2
Bronchitis & Emphysema	5	1	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	0	1
Peptic Ulcer	0	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	0	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	0	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	0	1
Other Diseases ,Genito-Urinary System	2	0	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	1
All Other Accidents	1	1	2
Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries	1	0	1
Total All causes	: 61	34	95

The main causes of death are shown below and the death rates compared with the National Average for 1966.

CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES

	Brocknock	National Average
	1966	1966
27 Ischaemic Heart Disease.	392	235
13 Cerebro Vascular Disease	262	164
17 Malignant Neoplasms	248	225
8 Pneumonia and Bronchitis	116	70
4 All Accidents	58	51
3 Hypertensive Disease	44	17

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS

Ages at Death	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total
0 - 1 year	0	0	0	0
1 - 4 years	0	1	1	1.1
5 -14	0	0	0	-
15 -24	0	0	0	-
25 -34	0	0	0	0
35 -44	1	1	2	2.1
45 -54	6	1	7	7.4
55 -64	11	2	13	13.7
65 -74	16	14	30	31.5
75 years and over	27	15	42	44.2
	61	34	95	100.0

76% of the deaths occurred at age of 65 years and over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS

The following cases other than Tuberculosis, were notified during 1970.

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Measles	22
Infective Hepatitis	6
Scarlet Fever	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at 1st January, 1970	9
New Notifications during 1970	4
Removals during 1970	3
Cases on Register at 31st December 1970	10

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, S.172.

No action was taken under this section which deals with the removal to Hospital by the Local Authority of infectious persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory tract.

PUBLIC HEALTH(PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS)REGULATIONS

No action was taken under these regulations in respect of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, employed in the Milk Trade.

B.C.G. VACCINATION & TUBERCULIN SERIAL TESTING OF CHILDREN

This is carried out by the Medical Staff of the County Health Dept.,

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of Food Poisoning during the year.

DYSENTERY

There were no cases of Dysentery notified during the year.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID

No cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid were notified during 1970.

VENEREAL DISEASES

There were no cases notified during the year.

The County Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of these cases. There are no treatment centres in the area and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, and Moira Terrace, Cardiff. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, S.47

No action was taken by the Council under S.47 of the above Act which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons who : -

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or, being aged, or physically incapacitated, or living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers

Mr. William J. Rees remained as the Chief Public Health Inspector, and Mr. A. Taylor as the Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year facilities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, Carmarthen and Aberystwyth.

Water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Carmarthen, as were all Milk samples.

Any investigations required in the control of infectious diseases were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory in Cardiff.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.

HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council are responsible for the following services in the Area.

1. Provision of Health Centres.
2. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
3. Midwifery Services.
4. Health Visiting and Health Education.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance and Sitting Car Service.
8. Prevention and Illness, Care and After-Care.
9. Domestic Help Service.

The following Clinics are held in the area : -

Child Welfare Clinics.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Measles.

Relaxation Clinics for Expectant Mothers.

Dental Clinics for Expectant Mothers and Children.

Supply of Welfare Foods.

Orthopaedic Clinics

Chiropody Clinics

Cervical Cytology Clinics.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Psychiatric Social Worker.

Miss Gwen Morgan remained as the Psychiatric Social Worker for the Area.

Mental Welfare Officer.

Mr. K.M.A. Phillips was appointed as the Mental Welfare Officer for the area.

SOCIAL SERVICES.

The County Council is responsible for the following services in the Area :

1. Provision of Homes for the Aged.
2. Provision of Temporary Accommodation.
3. Registration and Provision of Services for Handicapped Persons.
4. Contributions to Old People's Organisations.
5. Temporary Protection of Property.
6. Meals on Wheels Service.
7. Provision of Grants towards Special Housing for the Elderly.
8. Welfare of the Blind and Partially-Sighted.
9. Welfare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

HOSPITALS

Hospital facilities are available at the Brecon War Memorial Hospital and the Cardiff and Swansea Hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, HOSPITAL

Cases are admitted to the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and the Mill House Hospital, Swansea.

SMALLPOX HOSPITALS

Arrangements have been made for Smallpox cases to be admitted to Penrhy Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases.

On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhy Hospital to be ready and staffed to receive the patient. The patient will be removed by County Council under their ambulance scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES

The water in the district is supplied by the South East Breconshire Water Board. In addition, a small number of premises receive piped supplies from private sources.

No extension or renewal of distribution mains were necessary in the area. Extensions of service mains were carried out on Housing Estates to provide for further development.

On the 31st December 1970, it was estimated that, of the estimated population of 6860, 83% were receiving a piped supply from the South East Breconshire Water Board and 10% from private sources of supply giving a total of 93% of the dwellings in the district receiving a piped supply.

When consideration is given to the scattered nature of the district and its altitudes in certain parts, the figure of 93% can be described as being very satisfactory..

Sampling.

Samples of water are taken from private supplies by the Authority prior to the installation of private piped supplies, inspections are made, and advice given on remedial measures necessary for the improvement of these supplies.

Number of inspections made	...	14
Number of Satisfactory samples taken...		10
Number of unsatisfactory samples taken		4

Routine sampling for chemical analysis is carried out by the South East Breconshire Water Board at their treatment Works at Portis and chlorine samples are taken daily.

Flouride Content

The Board's supply is not subjected to flouridation. Samples of water are taken for examination for the presence of flouride parts at the Portis Treatment Works indicate that the natural content is 0.036 parts per million.

Although the Board has been appointed Agents under contract to introduce flouride into the water. The County Council have not as yet given the go-ahead for it to be done.

METEOROLOGY

The following data concerning meteorology for 1970(with comparative figures for the previous year) has been kindly supplied by the Usk River Authority and was recorded at the Brecon Beacons Mountain Centre.

Month	Year 1969 Rainfall(ins)	Year 1970 Rainfall(ins)
January	7.55	9.57
February	3.30	5.86
March	3.20	3.34
April	2.95	4.01
May	5.34	2.61
June	3.14	3.31
July	3.18	3.50
August	5.52	4.08
September	2.62	3.72
October	0.97	3.85
November	5.83	9.42
December	6.08	2.19
Total	: 49.68	55.46

Wet Period (consecutive number of wet days)

'Wet days' are days in which amounts of rainfall recorded is 0.04 ins or more, Or 1.0 in or more.

Wet period 1969 - 1st November to 31st December.
1970 - 1st January to 28th February.

Dry Period 1969 - 1st September - 31st October
1970 - 1st May to 31st July.

Heaviest Rainfall - 1969 2.86" was recorded on the 11th August.
1970 1.29" was recorded on 6th December.

The long term average is 60.00 inches per annum.

Number of days with 0.1 inches or more in 1969 - 114 days
Number of days with 0.1 inches or more in 1970 - 136 days.

DR. IMAGE AND SEWERAGE

The arrangements for sewerage disposal in the Rural area are good.

No difficulty has been experienced in persuading owners of properties to connect their properties to the Council's sewers.

During the year properties were connected to the following village sewers : -

Aber Clydach	-	1
Llangorse	-	1
Defynog	-	2
Talybont	-	1
Sennybridge	-	1
Trecastle	-	2
Total :		<u>8</u>

These additional figures brought the total at the end of the year to 794 properties in the district connected to various sewers in the area.

Number of visits made by Public Health Inspectors to Sewage Works - 53.

Samples of Effluent

Samples are periodically taken by the Usk, Wye and West Wales River Authorities.

Septic Tank Emptying Service.

The Council own one Shelvoke and Drewry 1100 gallon capacity Cesspool Emptying Machine and one Fulvac 460 gallon power operated trailer pump.

These vehicles provide a very efficient septic tank emptying service. All tanks are emptied, the contents of which are discharged either on to the Council's refuse disposal sites or on to fields when the weather permits. No charge is made for up to two emptyings a year. Only in exceptional cases has it been found necessary to empty more than once a year.

As properties are being improved and modern sanitation provided in the more isolated areas, increased demands are being made for this service.

Some concern has been felt with the disposal works at the Mountain Centre which have been found to be inadequate at peak periods to deal with the enormous numbers of visitors to the Centre. The Authority concerned is giving attention to the matter in order to carry out adequate and effective remedial measures and consideration is being given to a joint sewerage works to provide for the Mountain Centre and Libanus Village.

Visitors to the Centre is as follows :

1967	...	129,967
1968	...	147,476
1969	...	170,820
1970	...	190,400

Vehicles and Maintenance

Most of the maintenance and repair work to the Council's smaller vehicles is carried out at the Council's depot at the rear of Oxford House.

Working conditions provided for the workmen are good. The Breconshire County Council's Maintenance Staff maintain the two refuse vehicles and Cesspool Emptying machine by arrangement.

Establishment

The 1970 establishment for Public Health and Surveyor's Department was as follows : -

- 1 General Foreman - part-time(shared with other duties)
- 2 Refuse Drivers/Loaders
- 3 Refuse Drivers
- 1 Cesspool Emptying Machine Driver
- 1 Sewage Plant Operator
- 1 Sewage Plant Operator's Mate
- 1 Rodent Operative
- 1 General Labourer
- 1 Cesspool Emptying Machine Driver's Mate.

Total : 12

Public Conveniences

There were five public Conveniences in use during 1970, at Trecastle, Sonnybridge, Storey Arms, Talybont and Llangorse, sites are being sought for additional ones at Llanfrynach and Llanfrynach. Land has been dedicated to the Council for the erection of conveniences in Llanfrynach but no money was available for its erection..

Whilst damage occurs from time to time to the properties, the considerable vandalism which is experienced in many parts of the country, it is pleasing to note does not take place to your properties.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The refuse collection service is carried out by the Council's workmen under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector/Surveyor. Refuse is collected once weekly throughout the whole area. The Council now maintain two dustless rear loading vehicles.

All litter is removed as frequently as is found necessary from the various County Council lay-byes and the cost incurred in connection therewith is reimbursed by that authority.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The provision of new disposal sites continues to create problems and new sites are continually being looked for. An agreement has been made with the Borough Council for the provision of a joint site in the Borough.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by Mr. W.J.Rees, Chief Public Health Inspector, and Mr.R.Taylor, Public Health Inspector.

During the year Mr.E.Gunn left the staff as a Student Public Health Inspector and joined the Alton U.D.C in a similar capacity. He has since qualified as a Public Health Inspector and is now engaged as such with that authority.

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	...	20
Number of complaints investigated	...	20
Number of premises inspected	...	20
Number of premises re-visited	...	6
Number of preliminary Notices served	...	2
for (a) structural defects	...	1
(b) sanitary defects	...	1
Number of statutory notices served	...	0

Verminous Premises(excluding rats and mice)

Number of premises inspected.	...	0
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Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district

Licensed Premises

There are 27 licensed premises in the district

Number of visits to such premises	...	35
Number of Notices served	...	0

Almost every premise is now provided with hot and cold water facilities in the bar and both male and female sanitary accommodation.

CARAVAN SITES

There are four recognised camping sites in the district at Idangorse, Sennybridge and Llangasty. No new sites were approved during the year.

The Caravan Club Association has issued a number of exemption Certificates for the siting of Caravans by the members on sites in the district.

RODENT OPERATOR

The Rodent Operator works under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector :

Number of premises inspected	...	106
Number of premises found infested	...	106
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator		106
Number of premises treated by occupier..		0

Sewers in the neighbourhood of infested houses were treated during the year.

The work of rodent destruction on farms in the rural district is the responsibility of the Council. They are classified as business premises and a charge is made for their treatment. Either a contract for 12 months can be made at a charge of £25 or otherwise a charge is made for labour, travelling and materials used.

Poison bait is now issued free for use by occupiers of all dwellings.

HOUSING

On completion of the Rural Housing Survey in 1954, it was evident after examining the summary of categorisation that a realistic housing problem existed within the district. Since the introduction of the Slum Clearance Programme in 1954 the Council has been actively engaged in tackling the problem either : -

- (a) By official representations under the Housing Acts of 1936 and 1957.
- (b) By encouraging owners to carry out necessary repair and improvement work to sub-standard properties if it was deemed that these properties could be brought up to a standard at a realistic cost.

In the case of (a) it is gratifying to note that a considerable number of properties - even though formally represented have been converted, improved and repaired to provide adequate housing accommodation of the required standard.

A review of the efforts made to date and reported to the Council during the year indicated conclusively that a reasonable degree of success had been obtained.

The figures show that roughly 90% of the domestic dwellings categorised in Grade 5 have one way or another been successfully dealt with. Of the 40 outstanding properties that require attention a number are unoccupied some of which are rapidly becoming derelict. Of the 371 properties which have been dealt with officially, 142 have been brought up to standard with or without grant aid.

No action was taken under the Rents Act of 1957 and 1968 as no application for Certificates or Cancellation of Certificates were received.

Number of houses built by the Council during the year.	- 24
Number of houses built by private enterprise during the year	- 10
Number of Ins actions made under the Housing Act	- 29
Number of Notices served	- 0
Number of houses in course of erection by the Council	- 24

HOUSING GRANTS

Consideration is being given to proposed changes in the law and in particular to increases in the amount of grant aid. These increases to meet higher costs in the building industry are long overdue.

Discretionary Grants

31 Applications were received in respect of 31 properties, all of which were approved.

Total amount of grant authorised	...	£23,033 .0 .0
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Standard Grants

10 applications were received in respect of 10 properties and were approved.

Maximum amount of Grant authorised	...	£2,547. 0 .0.
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Improvement Grants

To date 279 discretionary grant schemes have been approved, of this figure 249 have been completed, 23 were underway and 7 were nearing completion.

It is interesting to note, that even though the maximum grant has been increased to £1,000 and bearing in mind that the Council contributes 25% of the recommended grant in each case, an average of 18 schemes are being carried out for the cost of 1 newly erected three bedroom Council House.

Records indicate that, of the 279 schemes already approved 86 were in respect of properties formally represented under the 1936 and 1957 Housing Acts.

Standard Grants

Although, understandably, not quite as popular as discretionary grants, many property owners who perhaps could not afford to do all the work laid down in the discretionary grant twelve point standard, have resorted to standard grant schemes. To date 128 of these schemes have been considered and approved, 115 have been completed, 8 were under way and 2 were waiting commencement.

Owners to whom standard grants have been paid can, if they so wish, submit a further scheme for a discretionary grant at a later date. Accordingly, if an owner wishes to tackle a project in two stages, he could start with a Standard Grant and finish with a Discretionary Grant.

In all 407 properties have been recategorised to a higher grade as a result of these grant aided schemes.

HOUSING ACT, 1967 and 1961

The district is being inspected regularly and when the occasion necessitates representation is made to the Council with a view to :

- (a) Serving of Notices requiring the execution of works, or
- (b) the making of demolition or closing orders.

Demolition orders served	..	0
Undertakings accepted	..	3
Properties demolished	..	4
Closing Orders served	..	1
Properties closed	..	0

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

As in the case of Factories, the Act does not apply to premises where only self-employed persons work, nor where the number of hours worked by an employee amounts to 21 hours a week or less. This is to exclude the small shop or office where help is only occasional.

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector... 25.

Appropriate action was taken to see that the requirements of the Act are complied with.

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises :

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	2
Retail Shops	4
Wholesale Depots, Warehouses	0
Catering Establishments open to public, restaurants	24
Fuel Storage Depots	0
Total :	<u>30</u>

Total Males : 10. Total Females : 10.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT

Number of registered slaughterhouses in the district	...	1
Number of inspections at the slaughterhouse	...	12
Number of animals inspected :		

Cattle	..	40	Sheep	..	38
Calves	..	0	Pigs	..	9

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Numbers killed and inspected	40	0	38	9
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	0	0	0	0
Carcases in which some part or organ was condemned	8	0	1	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than TB and Cysticercosis	20%	0	2.1%	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis :</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned.	0	0	0	0

FOOD CONDEMNED

As there were no facilities at the slaughterhouse at Llangorse for sterilisation of condemned meat in accordance with the regulations all such meat is removed by the Inspectors and buried in one of the Councils' refuse disposal sites after suitable staining.

MILK

The responsibility for registering dealers and taking milk samples is the County Council and is under the supervision and control of Mr. E.E. Bastin, the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

There is very close liason between the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, the District Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry Veterinary Surgeons.

Milk Samples - Brucella Abortus.

Number of samples of raw milk examined	..	50
Number of positive Ring tests	-	0
No. of animal inoculations	-	0
No. positive	..	0

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises by type are shown below : -

Licensed premises	...	27
Cafes	...	6
Fish and Chip Shops	...	1
Butchers	...	2
Grocers and General Stores	..	13

On the whole it can be said that the general standard of hygiene was satisfactory. On no occasion was it necessary to serve a notice on any person engaged in the food trade.

There was no educational activity in connection with food in the district during the year, as the number of persons engaged in the food trade was not very great. As usual in the normal course of their duties, the Public Health Inspectors, in their discussions with persons in the food trade, emphasised the importance of the need for the highest standards of hygiene in the preparation and sale of foodstuffs to the public.

School Canteens

Visits were made and inspections made of all school canteens in the district. The attention of the Education Committee and the Schools Organiser was drawn to the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following table sets out the number of food premises in the district which are inspected

	No. of Prems.	Complying with Reg.16.	Premises to which Reg.19 applies	Premises complying with Reg.19.
Cafes	6	3	6	6
Bakehouses	0	0	0	0
Butchers Shops	2	1	2	2
Fishmonger/ Fish & Chip Shop	1	0	1	1
Food Factories	0	0	0	0
Grocers Shops and Other Foods	13	0	0	0
Greengrocers	0	0	0	0
Licensed Premises	27	0	27	27
Total :	49	4	36	36

Note : Regulation 16 refers to the provision of wash-hand basins and Regulation 19 to the provision of sinks together with the provision of hot and cold water for the equipment.

As most of the businesses are family ones, access to wash-hand basins and sinks on the premises in their own private quarters is convenient and adequate.

FOOD CONDEMNED

Foodstuffs(other than meat) condemned during the year . . . NIL

SHOPS ACT

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector ... 94
Number of Notices served ... Nil

FOOD PREPARATION ROOM(including Bakehouses)

Number of inspections made ... 47
Number of Notices served ... 0

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Number of premises registered for sale of Ice-Cream ... 22
Number of inspections made ... 22
Number of samples taken for bacteriological examination ... 22
Number of samples satisfactory ... 20
Number of samples unsatisfactory ... 2

FRIED FISH SHOPS

There is only one fish and chip shop in the district

Number of inspections made ... 6

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no premises where poultry processing is carried out on a large scale

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

PREMISES	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1	2	3	4	5
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, 6 are enforced by Local Authorities	3	5	0	0
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	16	0	0
(iii)Other Premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding) out-workers premises.	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	21	0	0

2.Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are found at the premises on two, three or more occasions they should be rereckoned as two,tree or more cases).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To Referred by HM. Inspector		
1	2	3	4	5	6
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable/defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not suitable for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	0	0	0	0	0
Total :	0	0	0	0	0

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.

